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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Gary J. Griffin : Confirmation No. 5708
Serial No. 10/812,907 : Examiner Michael P. Ferguson
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For **LINK ASSEMBLY** :

COMMUNICATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

By means of this communication, Applicant respectfully would go on record to take issue with the basis for allowance of the subject application as stated in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant submits as Applicant has maintained throughout the course of the prosecution of the subject application that the claimed invention is neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 4,944,523 to Hardy, Jr., et al for the reason that such patent neither discloses nor teaches a bolt having a pair of integrally formed, radially upset portions spaced inwardly relative to the threaded end portions thereof. Applicant further submits that none of the secondary references cited in the course of the prosecution teach any modification of the Hardy Patent to provide any such radially upset portions of the bolt thereof.

It further is requested that this communication be entered and made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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